during January—November of the current year as compared to the same period of the previous year.

(c) There has been a marginal growth of 0.5 per cent during January to November, 2001 as compared to the same period of the year 2000. However, there has been a decline of 18.8 per cent in foreign exchange earnings during the months of September, October and November, 2001 as compared to same period of previous year.

(d) Various steps taken by the Government to improve tourist inflow in the country include development and improvement of tourist facilities, publicity and marketing efforts in the foreign countries through overseas tourist offices, strengthening institutions of human resources development, use of information technology and encouraging private investment in tourism sector including hotels.

Efforts have also been made to send appropriate signals to countries all over the world that India is a safe destination. A reorientation in marketing efforts is also being made by focussing on markets in South East Asia and emphasising the significance of domestic tourism.

ENRON's withdrawal from Panna and Mukta oil fields

*304. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE :
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether M/s Enron as Operator have disposed off their Share from Panna and Mukta oilfields;

(b) if so, the value at which the same has been disposed off;

(c) the value at which ONGC had disposed off 60 per cent of its shares in the above oilfields to M/s. Enron and Reliance combine;

(d) the amount invested by Enron so far in the oilfields before disposal of its share; and

(e) the amount of oil produced by Enron during the production sharing contract with ONGC ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) and (b) Till date, Enron as operator has not disposed off its participating interest share in Panna and Mukta oilfields.

(c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) received a signature bonus of United States Dollar (USD) 3.6 million (Rs. 17.28 crores)* at the time of signing of the contract on 22nd December, 1994. In addition, production bonus is also payable to ONGC under the contract based on the achievement of various production levels specified therein. The contract to Enron and Reliance was awarded based on the 'total take' of the Government from the project rather than the payment received/to be received by ONGC.

(d) The estimated investment made by Enron to meet their share of obligation in Panna and Mukta oilfields as on 1-4-2001 is about USD 166 million (796.80 crores)*. This amount excludes operating expenditure of the project.

(e) The total crude oil production from Panna and Mukta oilfields between the effective date of the contract, till 30-11-2001, is about 6.06 million metric tonnes.

*For the sake of consistency, exchange rate has been taken as USD 1 = Rs. 48/-

Procurement of compressors

*305. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a pressing demand from Members of Parliament for an Inquiry into the deals for purchasing compressors for CNG filling stations in Delhi by the Indraprastha Gas Limited, the lone supplier of CNG in the capital; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the allegations of irregularities and Government's response thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) A letter in this regard was received from an Hon'ble Member of Parliament.

(b) The allegations related to mismanagement, greed and corruption in Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) particularly in contracts for supply of compressors. IGL is not a Government Company though the Ministry has been monitoring the progress of installation of compressors to fulfill the commitments made to the Supreme Court. IGL being a joint venture of Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Delhi Government, procures compressors as per its own rules and no Government approval is